

# **SECTION 10000**

## 10000 HEALTHY MAINE PRESCRIPTIONS

## 10000.01 COVERED INDIVIDUALS

Every individual has a coverage group. To be eligible, applicants do not have to be under age 21, aged, blind, disabled, or a parent residing with a child under age 18. For example, if it is to their advantage, parents can be considered as an assistance unit without including their children and children's income. Step-parents can be included in an assistance group with step-children.

## 10000.02 INCOME

- I. Current gross monthly income must be less than or equal to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Current income is used to project income over the coming year.
- II. The rules of Family-Related Medicaid are used in determining whose income to count. This is:
  - A. the applicant,
  - B. those who are financially responsible for him/her with whom s/he resides (spouse for spouse and parents for children up to the age of 21).
- III. Income excluded in Family-Related and SSI-Related Medicaid are also excluded in Healthy Maine Prescriptions. When income is fully or partially excluded by one of these groups and not the other, the rule that is most beneficial to the applicant is used.

## 10000.03 ASSETS

There is no asset criteria.

## 10000.04 AGE

There is no age criteria.

## 10000.05 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- I. Individuals cannot be open under any other Medicaid coverage group getting full Medicaid benefits. Individuals getting less than full Medicaid benefits are potentially eligible for Healthy Maine Prescriptions. This includes those getting coverage as the Medicare Buy-In only.
- II. Individuals must provide a Social Security number in conformance with Section 1230.

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- III. Individuals must be residents of Maine in conformance with Section 1220 and meet citizenship requirements for full Medicaid coverage in Section 1210.
- IV. Individuals must not reside in a public institution unless they meet the requirements of Section 1260 (II).

10000.06 START DATE

Coverage starts the month of application or the month of eligibility, whichever is later. An application is valid for the month of receipt and the following month.

10000.07 BENEFITS

The only benefit of Healthy Maine Prescriptions is to help with the purchase of prescription drugs.

10000.08 CHANGES

Once determined eligible for Healthy Maine Prescriptions, coverage under this group continues for 12 months unless one of the "OTHER REQUIREMENTS" in 1000.05 above is not met.

10000.09 DEEMED ELIGIBLES

The following groups of individuals are deemed eligible for Healthy Maine Prescriptions. They do not need to file a separate application.

- I. Those getting Medicaid coverage for the Medicare Buy-In only (QMB, SLMB, QI 1 + 2).
- II. Those getting a Spousal Living Allowance and getting SSI or State Supplement but not full Medicaid benefits.
- III. Those getting coverage under APRC (Awaiting Placement for Residential Care) who do not get full Medicaid coverage.
- IV. Those getting coverage under the Low Cost Drugs.
  - A. Applications for Low Cost Drugs are made through Revenue Services.
  - B. Income is counted on a household basis. A household is the applicant, spouse, and members of the household for whom the applicant is entitled to claim as a dependent under Maine income tax law.

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- C. Income must be less than or equal to 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. If the household spent more than 40% of their income in the past year for prescription drugs, the income limit is 25% higher than the dollar amount of the 185% figure.
- D. Individuals must be at least age 19 and disabled by SSA standards or at least age 62.
- E. There is no asset criteria.
- F. Individuals are eligible for up to nineteen (19) months of continuous coverage. If an application is received between August 1, and January 31, coverage runs through a year from the next February.

**For Example:**

If an application is received between February 1, and July 31 coverage runs through the following February.

An application received on August 20, 2001 will get coverage through February 28, 2003.

An application received on May 20, 2001 will get coverage through February 28, 2002.